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**Rep. Barrow Hosts First "Gift of Sharing" Event**

Baton Rouge, LA----- State Representative Regina Ashford Barrow welcomed the Christmas Season on Tuesday, December 19, 2006 at Fourth District Baptist Center with her first "Gift of Sharing" event. "Christmas represents the spirit of giving and the ability to make others happy by sharing with them was a great joy," said Barrow.

The purpose of the Christmas event was two-fold. The first purpose was to provide constituents with information regarding services available by the state and non-profit organizations. The second purpose was to make Christmas brighter and happier for children and their families, Barrow said. This mission was accomplished by serving meals to 89 families and gifts of toys to 188 children. Several sponsors were instrumental in making the event possible. They were B'nai Synagogue, Catholic Community Charities, Coca Cola Bottling Company, Fourth District Baptist Association, RiZ UP! LA, The Table is Bread and Wal-Mart. Many state departments and non-profit organizations participated and provided information concerning services available to families.

A short program of spiritual uplifting opened the event. At the end of the program three children's bikes were raffled and were delivered to the winners; Danielle Trumble, Danielle McGee and Naomi Trahan. The event came to a joyful close with each family receiving gifts.

Barrow said she hopes to make the "Gift of Sharing" an annual event. "This was such an uplifting experience, especially to those who gave of their time to bring Christmas joy to the families of our community. It signifies the true meaning of Christmas and I hope it was the first of many."

For information regarding services available by the state and non-profit organizations, please contact Rep. Barrow's office at 225. 359.9331.

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